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FEVERISH TRUMP FLOWN TO HOSPITAL FOR COVID CARE

The US President developed a low-grade fever, nasal congestion and cough following Covid diagnosis, reports said

JUST A PRECAUTIONARY MOVE: WHITE HOUSE

President Donald Trump is being administered the anti-viral drug remdesivir at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Besides, the 74-year-old received a single dose of Regeneron's antibody cocktail—a treatment not yet approved by regulators. The White House said the hospitalisation, expected to last for a few days, was only precautionary

RECEIVED OXYGEN SUPPORT: REPORTS

- Trump will continue to work from the hospital's presidential suite, and is not planning to transfer authority to the Vice President
- A source close to Trump said his vital signs were "very concerning", and he briefly received oxygen support on Friday at the White House. His condition has improved since hospitalisation | P12

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CHANCE OF TRUMP DEVELOPING SEVERE DISEASE, HEALTH EXPERTS SAY

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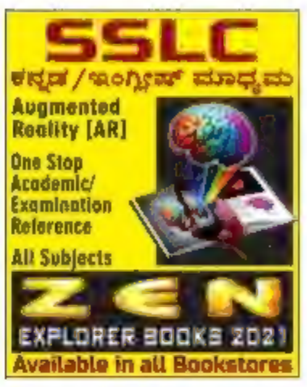

TEJASHWI TO BE FACE OF BIHAR GRAND ALLIANCE

Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Yadav will be the chief ministerial candidate of the Mahagathbandhan

Miffed ally walks out

Soon after Tejashwi announced the seat-sharing formula, an angry Vikassheel Insan Party (VIP) chief Mukesh Sahani stormed out of the presser as no seat was allocated to his party. There were dramatic scenes as VIP cadre turned violent and shouted slogans | P9

SEAT-SHARING

Party	Seats
RJD	144
Congress	70
CPI(ML)	19
CPI	6
CPI(M)	4
TOTAL SEATS	243

Gandhis finally make it to Hathras

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AFTER the Uttar Pradesh government allowed five-member delegations of political parties to meet the family of the Hathras rape-murder victim, Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka, K C Venugopal, P L Punia and Mukul Vasnik visited them on Saturday evening.

They also held a closed-door meeting with the family for around 30 minutes. While the Gandhis were proceeding to Hathras, high drama unfolded en route. There was heavy police deployment on the Delhi-Uttar Pradesh border. With a large number of Congress workers accompanying them, police reportedly used batons to disperse the crowd.

Police try to pull back Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi at the Delhi-Noida border on Saturday | SHEKHAR YADAV

According to a video circulated on social media, Priyanka Gandhi could be seen coming to rescue party workers from baton-wielding policemen. The police allowed five people, including Rahul and Priyanka, to go to Hathras.

Earlier in the day, Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Awanish Awasthi and DGP H C Awasthy visited Hathras and assured the family of quick and stern action against the culprits. During the visit, the first by high-ranking officials of the state government, both officials squatted on the ground and listened to the family patiently for about an hour. P9

Trust goes to NGT for nixing power project

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

A day after a blast occurred at the Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd's (KPCL) gas-based power plant in Yelahanka, which left 15 employees with burns, members of the Yelahanka Puttenahalli Lake and Bird Conservation Trust filed an interlocutory application before the National Green Tribunal (NGT) on Saturday, requesting it to stop the power company from constructing and commissioning the 370 MW power plant.

They have also appealed to the tribunal that the environmental clearance for the project be cancelled.

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Poll pressure? UP climbs down on Hathras stance

Allows parties to visit village, recommends CBI probe

MANISH ANAND @ New Delhi

A possible high-decibel elections in Bihar later this month and key byelections in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh around the same time appear to have nudged the UP government to climb down from its apparent belligerence in the Hathras rape-and-murder case.

With the incident grabbing headlines and protests threatening to go out of hand, the UP government changed tack on Saturday, ordering a CBI probe, allowing Congress leaders Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi to visit Hathras and top state officials meeting the victim's family.

Just two days back, Rahul and Priyanka were stopped from visiting the victim's family while on Friday, a Trinamool Congress delegation was given rough treatment with member of parliament Derek O'Brien even apparently pushed to the ground when he and his team tried to force their way to Hathras.

The BJP also seems to have been unnerved by uneasy voices within. What had been spoken with much circumspection among a section of leaders was put forth bluntly by Uma Bharti, that Hathras "dented the image of the party and the UP government".

Lok Sabha MPs Manoj Tiwary and Parvesh Verma also came out against the "police high-handedness."

The Hathras victim belonged to the Dalit community and the BJP, lacking a credible Dalit face in its ranks, has been trying to build bridges with the community on the appeal of PM Narendra Modi.

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IPL MATCH TODAY
MUMBAI HYDERABAD
Hyderabad has found form to win two matches in a row. On Sunday they face Mumbai in Sharjah.
PUNJAB CHENNAI
BANGALORE RAJASTHAN
Two teams at the bottom, who are desperate for wins, lock horns in Dubai in the second game of the day.
LIVE: Star Sports 1/Hotstar @ 3.30pm

SSR death was suicide: AIIMS panel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A panel of doctors from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi, on Saturday ruled out murder in the sensational Sushant Singh Rajput death case.

The panel concluded, on the basis of forensic evidence, that the actor's death was a "clear case of suicide".

In its report to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the six-member panel noted that there were no marks on the actor's body, other than a ligature mark on the neck caused by hanging.

His body and the clothes he wore at the time of his death do not bear any signs of struggle, the doctors observed. The panel did not find any trace of poison or sedative drugs in Sushant's body.

"In the toxicological examination of the viscera which had been examined here, no presence of any sedative material could be established," said an AIIMS source.

"It is a case of hanging and death by suicide," Dr Sudhir Gupta, the forensic expert who led the team of doctors said.

Sources in the CBI said the agency will now probe the abetment of suicide angle.

The AIIMS panel's finding is consistent with the autopsy report prepared by Cooper Hospital in Mumbai, soon after the actor's death, sources said. Cooper Hospital's report ascertained asphyxia due to hanging as the cause of Sushant's death.

2 jumbos electrocuted in lake on BNP fringes

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

IN perhaps the first case of electrocution at the Bannerghatta National Park (BNP) in recent times, the carcasses of two cow elephants were found floating in the Tikkakondanahalli Lake under Kodihalli range on Saturday.

"Preliminary investigation reveals that the death is due to electrocution, but the exact cause will be known when the carcasses are fished out and an autopsy is conducted. This is the first time I have seen such a case and it is the first case of electrocution in BNP in the last two years," Park Deputy Conservator of Forests S Prashanth told *The New Sunday Express*.

The swollen lake is on the fringes of the BNP and also abuts Ramadevarabetta and Manjunatha forest patches. Some electricity poles are near the water body and some are inside it, posing a danger.

Due to the heavy downpour this monsoon season, the Tikkakondanahalli lake water is overflowing, making matters worse. CONTINUED ON: P7

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